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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

1. MAIN NEWS MAY 12 IS THAT THERE IS AS YET NO NEWS ABOUT A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND OPPOSITION
PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA) IN SPITE OF PERSISTENT SPECULAT-
ION IN THE PRESS THAT A SETTLEMENT IS CLOSE. ON MAY 11 PNA AUTH-
ORIZED THEIR PRESIDENT, MAULANA MUFTI MAHMOOD, TO HAVE TALKS.
THAT EVENING THE PM AND MUFTI MAHMOOD MET -- ONCE AT PM'S
RESIDENCE AND ONCE AT SIHALA -- AND MANY MAY 12 MEWSPAPERS
SPECULATED THAT PM WOULD ANNOUNCE A SETTLEMENT DURING MAY 12
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING. RUMORS ABOUND THAT BHUTTO WILL ADDRESS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MAY 12 EVENING.

2. PIR OF PAGARO, ONE OF THE PNA LEADERS, TOLDPFEWSMEN LATE ON
MAY 11 THAT NEITHER PNA NOR GOP WILL COMMENT ON THAT NIGHT'S
MEETING. HE SAID BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS UNTIL A
SOLUTION IS REACHED. HE ADDED THAT IF THE PM ACCEPTS ALL PNA

DEMANDS, THEY WILL WITHDRAW A CALL THEYHAVE MADE FOR PEACEFUL,
NATION-WIDE DEMONSTRATIONS ON MAY 13.

3. ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENTARY SPREAD BEYOND PAKISTAN TIMES ON
MARCH 12. ALL NEWSPAPERS WE RECEIVED THIS DATE EXCEPT DAWN CARRY
PAK WIRE SERVICE STORY THAT CIA HAS PLANTED ANTI-PAKISTANI ITEMS
IN U.S. NEWSPAPERS TO SWAY PUBLIC OPINION THERE. H.K. BURKI
BYLINE ARTICLE ON PAK TIMES OPED PAGE MARCH 12, "DEFEATING THE
COMPUTER," CONTENDS THAT CIA COMPUTER PLANS PNA CAMPAIGN.
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